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In the Claims:

Amend the Claims as follows:

B1
3bC3
1. (Amended) Process for the production of surface-finished paper or board (B_w), characterized in that an aqueous solution (L_w) of a surface-finishing active ingredient (W) is applied to a hydrophilic paper or board sheet (B),

in which (W) consists of

(W_1) polyethylene glycol with an average molecular weight M_w of > 1500 or of (W_1) and at least one further additive which is a further finishing additive and/or a formulation additive,

and the paper or board sheet surface-treated with (L_w) is fed through smoothing rolls and dried.

B2 *3bC3*
3. (Twice Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that (L_w) contains at least one non-finishing formulation additive (F).

B3 *3bC3*
7. (Amended) Surface finishing agent for paper or board which is a solution (L_w) as defined in Claim 12, wherein (F) is (F_1) which is selected from,

(F_{11}) antifoams
and (F_{12}) agents for protecting against the damaging effect of microorganisms,
and with a (W_1)-content in the range of 0.1 to 20 %.

B4 *3bC3*
11. (Twice Amended) Process for the production of graphically processed paper or board by application of at least one graphic ink pattern to a substrate of paper or board, and drying, characterized in that the substrate used for this purpose is surface-finished paper (B_w) or surface-finished board (B_w) according to Claim 9.

Add new claims 12-14 as follows:

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12. Process according to Claims 1, characterized in that (L_w) essentially consists of (W) and water and at least one non-finishing formulation additive (F).

13. Process according to Claims 1, wherein (W) consists of (W_1) and at least one further finishing additive.

14. Process according to Claims 1, wherein (W) consists of (W_1) and a formulation additive.

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15. Process according to Claims 1, wherein (W) consists of (W_1) and both a further finishing additive and a formulation additive.

16. Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the further additives are selected from finishing additives (W_2) and (W_3) and/or formulation additives (W_4), in which
(W_2) is at least one dye and/or optical brightener,
(W_3) is at least one wet strength additive
and (W_4) is at least one agent for pH adjustment.